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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the Statewide results of the February Cattle on Feed Survey.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

William R. Meyer
Director

IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on February 1, 2006 totaled 265,000 head, down 2 percent from the February 1, 2005 inventory. The inventory was down 4 percent from the number on hand January 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during January totaled 46,000 head, up 9,000 head from January 2005 placements. Marketings during January totaled 51,000 head, down 10,000 from January 2005 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on February 1, 2006. The inventory was 7 percent above February 1, 2005 and 9 percent above February 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.20 million, 16 percent above 2005 and 25 percent above 2004. Net placements were 2.12 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 530,000, 600-699 pounds were 447,000, 700-799 pounds were 702,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 520,000. Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.81 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 2 percent above 2004. Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during January, 14 percent above 2005 but 12 percent below 2004.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	Feb. 1, 2005	Jan. 1, 2006	February 1, 2006		
			Number	As % of 2005	As % of Jan.
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	*328	334	346	105	104
California	525	550	550	105	100
Colorado	1,060	1,080	1,110	105	103
Idaho	270	275	265	98	96
Iowa	465	510	520	112	102
Kansas	2,420	2,500	2,580	107	103
Nebraska	2,350	2,430	2,490	106	102
New Mexico	129	143	146	113	102
Oklahoma	350	370	375	107	101
South Dakota	205	205	210	102	102
Texas	2,720	2,920	3,030	111	104
Washington	190	152	153	81	101
Other States	330	335	335	102	100
United States	*11,342	11,804	12,110	107	103

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. *Revised.

A THANK YOU TO ALL IDAHO FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS

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